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AND ELLICE ISLANDS ON IV GRANT

REF: (A) SUVA 743

(B) SUVA'S A-88 OF DECEMBER 11, 1973

1. REF A GIVES ITINERARY FOR CHIEF MINISTER NABOUA RATIETA,
WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF JULY 28 WITH HIS PERMANENT
SECRETARY, KEITH SHIPLEY.

2. EMBASSY HOPES THAT DEPT WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE EIGHTH
FLOOR LUNCHEON IN RATIETA'S HONOR. LASSUME GOVERNOR OF GEI
WILL ADVISE BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON OF CHIEFMIN'S VISIT,
BUT ANP MAY WISH TO INFORM ALSO.

3. I HAD HOPED TO MEET RATIETA THIS WEEK IN SUVA, FOLLOWING
SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM. HE RETURNED DIRECTLY FROM TONGA TO
TARAWA, HOWEVER, WITH PRESIDENT OF NAURU, AND I WILL NOT RPT
NOT SEE HIM UNTIL JULY 24. I THEREFORE HAVE NO DIRECT
INFORMATION ON ISSUES HE MAY WISH TO RAISE WITH DEPT.
HE MAY RAISE QUESTION OF BANABAN CLAIM TO OCEAN ISLAND
(PROBABLY BIGGEST PROBLEM FACING HIM AT PRESENT TIME).
HE MAY ALSO RAISE ISSUE OF FUTURE STATUS OF PHOENIX AND LINE
ISLANDS, CLAIMED BY BOTH US AND UK. UK HAS PUT THESE ISLANDS
UNDER ADMINISTRATION OF GEI GOVERNMENT, AND IF AND WHEN GEI
BECOMES INDEPENDENT THESE ISLANDS WILL IN THEIR MIND BE THEIRS.

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THIS WAS BROUGHT TO DEPTS ATTENTION IN REF B AND SUBSEQUENTLY

IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ANP OFFICERS.
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